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In Re
Application
of: Oskar BSCHORR et al.

Title: SOUND GENERATOR
WITH A PUMP ACTUATOR

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Examiner: Justin I. Michalski

Art Unit: 2644

OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action issued on 6 October, 2005. Applicants hereby request a 3 month extension of the shortened statutory period for response to and including 6 April, 2006. Please charge the statutory fee for this extension to Deposit Account 50-3481. A revocation of prior power of attorney and appointment of new power of attorney and change of correspondence address was previously filed in connection with this application.

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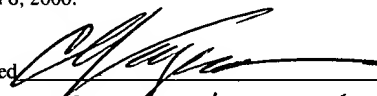
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forth function at incremental values which are in each case rounded to the nearest of -1, 0 or 1). The PCM signal can, for example cause the valves to repeatedly be maintained in the same state in succeeding time increments. This cannot be considered vibrational in any relevant sense.

Insofar as understood, the rejection cannot be maintained because at least one element of the combination set forth in claim 66 is not found in the Doi reference, for the reasons just set forth. Again, clarification or withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The claims depending from the above-discussed independent claims are not anticipated by the Doi reference for at least the reasons the base claims in each case are not anticipated, being as they are more narrow in scope and contain all the elements of the base claim in each instance.

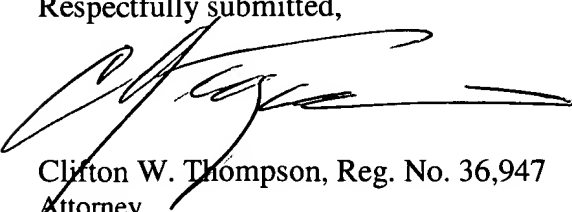
Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103:

The claims rejected under section 103 are all dependent claims. They are not obvious if the base claims are not obvious. As discussed above in each instance, the independent claims contain at least one element not disclosed in the Doi reference. It is respectfully submitted that the Nilsson reference, the other art of record, and the general knowledge attributable to practitioners in the art does not make up the deficiency in each instance. Accordingly these claims are not rendered obvious for at least the reasons discussed above.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons set forth above, the claims are allowable, and reconsideration of the application in light of the foregoing is earnestly and respectfully requested. Applicant's representative is available for discussion of any concerns at the telephone number set forth below. Authorization is hereby given to charge the extension fee of 510.00 to deposit account 50-3481.

Respectfully submitted,



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